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## **No Travel Advised extended to southwest and south central North Dakota; Travel Alert remains in effect for Valley City area**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) have extended the **No Travel Advisory** to include all of western North Dakota and the south central region of the state due to freezing rain creating glare ice causing hazardous travel conditions. This **No Travel Advisory** includes areas surrounding Williston, Watford City, Dickinson and Bismarck.

A **Travel Alert** remains in effect for areas surrounding Jamestown and Valley City due to areas of freezing rain causing icy road conditions.

Motorists are urged to use caution as this winter weather event intensifies across western and central North Dakota potentially causing road conditions to deteriorate throughout the day today continuing to Saturday. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: [www.dot.nd.gov](http://www.dot.nd.gov).

NDDOT releases information to inform the public about travel conditions throughout the state. The three categories are as follows:

1. **TRAVEL ALERT** – Motorists can still travel but may encounter areas of challenging winter weather driving conditions on roadways. Motorists should allow extra time to reach their destination and be alert to conditions that may make travel difficult, change rapidly, or cause travel delays. A TRAVEL ALERT has the potential to change to a NO TRAVEL ADVISED if conditions deteriorate.
2. **NO TRAVEL ADVISED** – Motorists should not travel due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel. Snowplows may be pulled from the roads during severe conditions. Motorists should take NO TRAVEL ADVISED seriously as those motorists who choose to travel at their own risk may become stranded and emergency responders may not be able to reach them safely. A NO TRAVEL ADVISED has the potential to change to a ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED if conditions deteriorate.
3. **ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED** – Motorists are not allowed to travel on a closed road due to life threatening conditions. The road may be impassible or blocked. Motorists who drive past a road closure device may be fined up to \$250.

Please be advised that road condition information on 511 and the travel map is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CDT. The road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported.

If you become stranded, motorists should stay with their vehicle and call 911 for emergency assistance.

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